

IF COAL is cash this year, why not let it be currency as well?

The Topeka State Journal

WEATHER FORECAST for Kansas:
Fair tonight and Wednesday;
warmer tonight in the eastern part of
the state.

HOME EDITION

TOPEKA, KANSAS, TUESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 19, 1916—TEN PAGES

TWO CENTS

DRUG DEPOT IS DISCOVERED BY TOPEKA POLICE

Trail of Numberless Packages
From Memphis to Kansas.

Arrest of a Garage Watchman
Who Worked in Topeka.

\$300 WORTH WITH EXPRESS

Charge That O. V. Bower Sold
Morphine to Fiends.

Bower Also Stole Gas and Sold
to Jitneys, Is Charge.

Thru the arrest of O. V. Bower or O. V. Bower today on a petit larceny charge, county officers believe they have uncovered the trail of numberless packages of morphine and other drugs from Memphis, Tenn., to Topeka. They believe they have discovered the local distributing agency for numerous drugs prohibited by the federal drug act.

Bower was arrested by Thomas Morgan, city plain clothes man, upon complaint of the management of the Kansas Motor Car company on Quincy street. It is charged that Saturday night he left the garage where he has been employed for eighteen months with all the collections for the night, amounting to from \$12 to \$20. He was turned over to the county and his actions indicated he was under the influence of some kind of drug. Questions brought out the fact that he is addicted to the use of morphine. His left arm furnished all the evidence the officers needed. The conviction turned from the charge against him to the matter of drugs.

Tells of Purchases.
"Yes, sir," he said in answer to a question, "I have been buying drugs by express. I send to G. D. Harris in Memphis, Tenn., and get them whenever I need them. I send him money by express, the amount that much money buys. I address him at 'general delivery' in Memphis."

Bower denied he had sold any of the drugs but the man who filed the complaint against him told what he knew and Bower broke down.

"The day before he left my garage," said Mr. Harris, his employer, "he told me he had \$300 worth of drugs at an express office in town and that if he could get the \$15 he could get the drugs out of the office and sell enough to pay back the \$15 in no time."

Was a Good Employee.
Bower had been employed at the garage for nearly two years, and has been trusted by all of the various owners of the place. He had collected the money for cars taken out during the night, and for gasoline sold after the office closed. Patrons of the garage knew him as "Dad" and have had a great deal of confidence in him, although he has been known to be a user of drugs.

Siphoned Gas From Cars.
"I did not suspect him of anything, although I had frequent complaints about things being missing from their cars," said Mr. Harris. "Recently patrons have been complaining that a part of their gasoline disappeared at night while their cars were parked in the garage. I employed a man to watch during the night through a back window. He reported to me that 'Dad' went through the garage with a bucket. I saw a hose, siphoned the gasoline from private cars out into the bucket and sold it to jitney drivers."

Bower made a sworn statement in the presence of W. E. Atchison, county attorney. Others today, and it will be turned over to federal officials. It deals with his alleged purchase of morphine and drugs from Harris in Memphis. The Harris referred to commonly live in Memphis.

A warrant was issued for Bower, charging him with stealing money from the Kansas Motor Car company, but Mr. Harris said today he had no desire to push it; that all he wanted was his car. However, the county officers wanted the warrant issued in order to hold Bower for federal officials.

PLAGUE WINS WINNING

Ten More Cases and Four More Deaths on Today's Report.

New York, Sept. 19.—Thirty-five new cases of infantile paralysis, an increase of twenty over yesterday's report, was shown in the department of health bulletin issued for the twenty-four hours ending at 10 a. m. today. There were ten deaths, an increase of four.

HOW MUCH JAM AND CRULLERS TO WIN MEN'S VOTES

Riverhead, L. I., Sept. 19.—"If it takes ten yards of scrambled eggs to make an overcoat for an elephant," only one man once asked another, "how far would you have to drop a cranberry to break a shingle?" But the question here today is: "If it takes a quon of strawberry jam to make one suffragist in Birmingham, how many old Dutch crullers does it take to make a suit in Riverhead?"

The answer will be given tonight by the suffragists making crullers to make mail votes for women at the county fair here and their sisters slathering strawberry jam and jelly around to do the same thing up in Tingham.

U.S. DEATH RATE IS DOWN TO 13.5 TO THE THOUSAND

Lowest Mortality Rate Ever
Shown in the Nation.

Progress of Science and Awakening of People Cause.

RATE FOR KANSAS ONLY 10.1

Decrease of 16.7 Per Cent in
Last Decade.

Rhode Island Scores Largest
Drop in Country.

Washington, Sept. 19.—Only 13.5 persons out of every 1,000 in the United States died during 1915, according to figures by the census bureau. This constitutes the lowest mortality rate ever recorded in this country.

"The widespread awakening of the people thruout the United States," said the bureau, "together with the great progress in medicine and sanitation has resulted in the saving of 17,000 lives during the year over 19,105, a decade ago."

The decrease in the mortality rate during the decade is 16.7 per cent or almost one-sixth, the report said.

The most striking decrease during the period was registered in Rhode Island, 16.9 per cent. New York follows with a falling off of 14.6 per cent, New Jersey 14.3, Massachusetts 12.7, Indiana 12.5, Michigan showed a slight increase of 4.5 of 1 per cent.

Among cities of 100,000 or more inhabitants the tendency was still greater toward reduction. Newark, N. J., showed a decrease of 29.9 per cent. New York City 26.8, Los Angeles 25, Jersey City 24.9, Pittsburgh 23.9, St. Louis 22.9, Denver 22.7, Paterson, N. J., 21.9, San Francisco 21.7. Minneapolis showed an increased death rate of 12.7 per cent during the decade. Detroit, 4 per cent. St. Paul 7, Toledo 8.7, Albany 8.7.

Table of State Rates.
The death rate per 1,000 by states, included in the 1915 registration, was: California 12.7, Colorado 12.7, Connecticut 14.9, Indiana 12.7, Kansas 10.1, Kentucky 12.3, Maine 15.6, Maryland 15.8, Massachusetts 12.7, Michigan 12.9, Minnesota 13.1, Missouri 13.2, Montana 11.4, New Hampshire 16.1, New Jersey 14.3, New York 14.6, Ohio 13, Pennsylvania 13.5, Utah 9.9, Virginia 14.5, Washington 8.1, Wisconsin 10.8.

ELECTION TODAY

Bishop Coadjutor of Episcopal
Church To Be Named.

Many Candidates Being Pushed
by Friends.

One hundred clergy and lay delegates from all parts of Kansas are meeting in Grace Cathedral today in an attempt to choose the first bishop coadjutor in the history of the diocese of Kansas. Considerable excitement was prevalent at the meeting, for several candidates are being actively pushed as the office is next to that of the bishop, the most important that the diocese of Kansas can bestow.

A similar convention was held two years ago to elect a coadjutor. Bishop Millsap, but the convention developed an unbreakable deadlock, and the meeting was adjourned. Bishop Millsap has insisted on performing unassisted the labors of the diocese for the past two years, but rapidly failing health has made the present convention imperative.

Dr. Percy Fenn, of Wichita, is the Kansas man mentioned most prominently for the place. At the convention of two years ago he came nearly being elected.

Atchison delegates are urging the selection of the Rev. Francis S. White, of Grand Rapids, Mich., formerly pastor of the Trinity church at Atchison. Many other delegates are in favor of the plan.

The first event of the convention was a talk by Bishop Millsap, in which he explained the duties of the coadjutor.

At a late hour this afternoon the voting had failed to elect.

The Rev. G. M. Geisel, canon of Grace cathedral, was nominated by John Stone. Other nominees were: The Rev. Percy T. Fenn, of Wichita; the Rev. E. S. Edwards, Lawrence; C. Rollet, secretary of the sixth province of the Episcopal church; the Rev. J. I. Douglas, Newton; and the Rev. James Wise, St. Louis.

(Result of election in Postscript Edition on streets at 5 o'clock.)

BURN CANNING PLANTS

Canada Expects Plot to Curtail Country's Food Supply.

Sarnia, Ont., Sept. 19.—It was learned here today that agents of the Canadian government and private detectives are investigating what is alleged to be a plot to curtail Canada's winter food supply. More than fifty canning factories in Ontario are operating under heavy guards. It is reported that even stricter methods of protection are being considered.

Investigation of a fire which destroyed a large canning factory here last Thursday night is said to have developed the fact that the fire started from the outside and that it broke out in several places almost simultaneously.

INDUSTRIES HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR FROM ADAMS

This After-War Talk Is All
Bugaboo, He Says Here.

Secretary of Treasury Came to
Topeka to Join Board.

'BLESS MY BUTTONS, HUGHES!'

McAdoo Met Old Schoolmate at
Harvey Lunch Counter.

Europe Is Paralyzed Now—No
Competition for Us.

American industry has nothing to fear at the close of the European war, according to a statement in Topeka Monday night by William McAdoo, secretary of the United States treasury and son-in-law of President Wilson. Secretary McAdoo came to Topeka to join the federal farm loan board of which he is ex-officio member. In an interview he declared economic and industrial conditions are better than at any period of the nation's history and that industrial competition following the war is a political bugaboo.

The government official discussed conditions and futures with freedom and candor. Political issues, tho, were sidestepped. He evaded a discussion of details of the Adamson eight-hour bill after taking a side slap at Candidate Hughes and the Republican party for their criticism of the congressional method of evading a strike.

"We blocked a Strike," "My Lord," exploded Secretary McAdoo, when asked for an opinion on the Adamson bill, "we blocked a strike, didn't we? Why, what would have happened if we had listened to those who are highly sensitive regarding technical detail and procedure? I'll tell you. We would have been right in the midst of a strike that would have cost this nation a billion dollars in thirty days."

That was as far as Secretary McAdoo cared to go in a discussion of the new labor measure. The legislation had been dragged into politics, he explained, and his position as a member of the bipartisan board did not permit him to discuss issues.

Industrial and commercial conditions and future, tho, were quite different. Secretary McAdoo was a pilgrim of hope and joy and peace and prosperity on the subject of home industry.

He had a Sandwich.

An evening dinner was interrupted while the secretary talked. He had come to Topeka on a late evening train. He was hungry. He sat at a lunch counter in the Harvey house (Continued on Page Two.)

COME TO TOPEKA

Vice President of United States
Will Be Here Oct. 11.

One Day in Advance of Former
President Taft.

Thomas H. Marshall, vice president of the United States, will speak in Topeka October 11, one day in advance of the meeting of William Howard Taft, former president. Announcement of the Marshall meeting will be made today by Hubert Lardner, chairman of the Democratic state committee.

It is probable that Marshall will continue the state under direction of the Democratic national committee. Arrangements were today completed for a night meeting in Topeka. The day after the Marshall meeting, Taft will speak in Topeka for the Republican national committee.

Topeka speech will be the only Taft meeting in this state, according to a statement today by Charles H. Sessions, chairman of the Republican state committee.

BIG DAM GOES OUT

Flood Sweeps Down Valley With Great
Life and Property Toll.

London, Sept. 19.—Many lives have been lost and enormous damage has been caused near Gablonz, Bohemia, by the bursting of a dam in the valley at Weissensee, according to a telegram from Gablonz.

The dam was eighty meters in length and twenty in depth. The onrushing waters carried away numerous glass panes and shattered windows. The bridges were not destroyed but are in danger of collapse. The damage is great.

The villages of Dessendorf, Tiefenbach, Tannwald, Schumburg, Schwarzenau, Grosshammer and Haratz are inundated. Ten bodies of victims have been recovered and identified.

PRINCE ALBERT INVALID

Second Son of King George Forced to
Quit British Navy.

London, Sept. 19.—Official announcement has been made here that Prince Albert, second son of King George, has been invalided home because of severe abdominal trouble.

The prince is doing well at Windsor but it will be some time before he will be able to return to duty. Prince Albert is a midshipman in the navy. He has suffered from gastric disorder for some time. Last April he had to undergo a course of treatment. In August 1914, he was operated on for appendicitis.



TRAGEDY IN CAMP HARD TO GET JURY GUARDS PLAY WAR

Missouri Private Killed on Border Following Altercation. Confessed Slayer of Allen County Farmer on Trial.

Noisy Battle Interrupts 85-Mile Hike by 14,000.

While Leveling Rifle at Lieutenant He Is Shot Dead. Unwritten Law Factor in Selection of Veniremen.

Laredo, Sept. 19.—Private John Clyne, B. company, Second Missouri regiment, was shot and killed last night by a military guard at Dolores, as the result, it is said, of an altercation with the guard. Lieutenant Zulueta, ordered Clyne's arrest and Clyne, becoming enraged, leveled his rifle at the lieutenant whereupon the guard shot and killed him.

Mysterious Killing in St. Louis.
St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 19.—Harry Dunn, twenty-six years old, was shot and killed early this morning at a downtown club. Four men arrested after the shooting professed ignorance when questioned. One reported said three or four men rushed into the club, shouted something unintelligible and opened fire on Dunn. He fell from his chair with two bullet holes in his head and died instantly. The men rushed out and escaped. Dunn is said to have been a "pal" of Harry Romani, who was shot and killed in a club on Twelfth street several weeks ago.

Wounds Wife, Kills Self.
Kansas City, Sept. 19.—Edward Redgood, a trolley taker at an amusement park, shot and killed himself at his home here today, after having twice shot and dangerously wounded his wife. He was thirty-eight years old and had been ill.

C. O. KNOWLES DEAD

Well Known Topekan - at Home of Son in Law in Waterville.

C. O. Knowles, of Topeka, died at 10 o'clock this morning, at the home of his son-in-law, Dr. George Thatcher, in Waterville, Marshall county.

He was seventy-three years old. He was a prominent Topekan citizen, who died today.

Charles O. Knowles, prominent Topekan citizen, who died today.

He is survived by his wife and three children—Mrs. J. A. Cole, and Mrs. Charles Knowles, of Topeka, and Mrs. George Thatcher, of Waterville. Also by an older brother, A. W. Knowles, vice president of the Bank of Topeka.

Charles O. Knowles was born at Eastham, Mass., December 1842, and came to Kansas in 1859. For many years he was engaged in the hardware business in Topeka with his brother, Edye & Company, local steamship agents. She was a freighter, carrying a general cargo and sailed under the British flag. According to the agents there were no Americans on board so far as they knew.

He married Rebecca Holmes at Topeka, in 1870.

BIG GAME TODAY

Detroit and Boston Open Series for Pennant.

Probably Will Decide Which Is League Champion.

Detroit, Sept. 19.—Detroit and Boston met today in the first game of a three game series which may decide the American league baseball championship. Boston, leading by two points, has a slight margin on Detroit. Weather conditions were perfect.

In the first inning, Bush, the Detroit shortstop, hit a foul ball which bounced sharply from the plate and struck him in the right eye. After hesitating medical attention he returned to the game and struck out. The batteries were: Mays and Thomas for Boston, and Daus and Stange for Detroit. The umpires were Evans and Owens.

First inning: Boston 1, Detroit 0. Second inning: Boston 0, Detroit 0. (See Postscript edition on streets at 5 o'clock for results.)

Coal Strike in Belgium.

Amsterdam, (via London, Sept. 19, 2 a. m.)—The Maestricht Les Nouvelles says a general strike of miners thruout the Belgian coal fields is in progress. The miners are asking for an increase in wages commensurate with the high price of food.

Two Steamships Lost

The Lord Tredgar to India Ports Sailed From New York.

London, Sept. 19.—The loss of the steamship Lord Tredgar is announced by Lloyd's.

The Lord Tredgar passed Gibraltar on September 8 on her way to Port Said and Indian ports from New York. She measured 2,347 tons. The Weva is not listed in the maritime register.

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RICH VICTIMS OF BLACKMAIL GANG FEAR EXPOSURE

Officials Besieged by Pleading Is Strengthened by De Facto Men and Women.

Letters Revealing Prominent Names Kept Secret.

WITNESSES COME FROM EAST

Meanwhile Prisoners Scouting to Reduce Big Bonds.

"Siren of the Syndicate" Held Under Bail of \$25,000.

Chicago, Sept. 19.—Release on bond of several members of the alleged blackmail syndicate, arrested in a federal raid here, and possible continuance of their preliminary hearing was in prospect today as witnesses from eastern cities arrive in Chicago to testify against the gang.

James Christian, one of the four men arrested with three women in the raid here, was freed on bond late last night. His bail was reduced from \$5,000 to \$2,500, when officials admitted they had little evidence to connect him with the alleged financing of Mrs. Regina Clipper, of Philadelphia, the principal witness against the gang.

The alleged leaders, however, will be held under \$25,000 bond each unless United States Commissioner Foster, before whom they will be arraigned, can be prevailed upon by Charles Erbein, their counsel, to reduce the bonds. The three are Helen Evers, the so-called "siren" of the syndicate in its alleged operations against wealthy men; Edward "Doc" Donohue and Harry "Slick" Russell.

Wealthy Victims Nervous.
The federal authorities are besieged by wealthy men and women who claimed to have been victims of the gang and who pleaded that their names be kept out of the case. They were given to understand, it is said, that names would be made public unless absolutely necessary to secure conviction.

The secrets of a mass of letters, photographs and other documents, the blackmail, said to have been found in the fashionable apartment where the gang was arrested, will not be revealed, federal officials said.

Killing Over Division of Spoils.
The mystery surrounding the killing of William Turner, alias Wilson, in a mountain resort in Jefferson county, Colorado, last June, may be cleared up thru some member of the blackmail syndicate with his staff here. Turner was said to have been slain following an argument over division of spoils in a blackmail scheme in which Denver was said to have been the victim.

Kidnap Woman Six Weeks.

Mrs. Klipper is expected to tell the (Continued on Page Two.)

CHAMPIONS HERE

The Savages Battle Omaha Flag Coppers This Afternoon.

All Games From Now to End of Season Start at 3:15.

Today's Line-Up.

Omaha—Thompson, cf. Topeka—Lathrop, cf.

Freeland, 2b. Agler, rf.

Forrester, ss. Goodwin, 3b.

R. Miller, 1b. De Fute, 2b.

Krueger, c. Monroe, c.

Marshall, 3b. Plandamors, ss.

Kilduff, ss. Devore, if.

Krause, if. Allen, 1b.

O'Tool, p. Sanders, p.

With the pennant already clinched and with nothing to play for except the love for the game, the Omaha champions were scheduled to begin their last series of the season in Topeka this afternoon. The game was booked to begin at 3:15 sharp, and the management of the local club stated that all games until the end of the season will be played at 3:15.

Inasmuch as the Rourkes have not been playing up to regular form during the last few days, the local players were conceded a chance to even up old scores with the Krug clan and get revenge for some of the white-washes that were handed them earlier in the season.

CIGARS "STRAIT" HERE

No More Six-For-Quarter and Three-For-25 Smokes in Topeka.

The six-for-a-quarter cigar and the three-for-a-quarter cigar are doomed. Topeka dealers are still selling five and ten cent cigars on that basis but several of them have received notices from the makers that the price is going up and the only remedy for the retailer will be five-cents-straight and ten-cents-straight.

The makers have been given no explanations. The manufacturers and jobbers merely state that the price of cigars is due for a rise.

EXPULSION OF 10,000 ITALIANS

Germany to Seek Reprisal for Treatment of Teutons.

FEAR OF VILLA AGAIN SPREADS ALONG BORDER

Is Strengthened by De Facto Deserters and Munitions.

Easily Evades Pursuers in Mountain Fastness.

PREPARE JUAREZ FOR ATTACK

Carry Six Auto Loads of Ammunition From Arsenal.

Legalistas Raiding, Spread Terror in San Luis Potosi.

El Paso, Texas, Sept. 19.—With six automobile loads of ammunition entering from the arsenal in the attack on Chihuahua city Saturday, and with more than a thousand recruits from the Carranza ranks added to his forces, Pancho Villa today is reported fleeing back into the fastnesses of Santa Clara canyon, entering it by the east mouth. De facto government troops from Chihuahua abandoned the chase of "Pancho Villa's Sierras." In the meantime new troops from Monterrey and other points south are being rushed north to take up the trail of the bandit leader.

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Military men here do not underestimate the importance of Villa's attack on Chihuahua city, and declare that all northern Mexico is now at the mercy of the bandit leader. They point out that the city is the strongest military fortress in the north, and that it was defended by heavy artillery and a garrison of 7,000 men.

Despite this strength, Villa, after openly boasting he would attack the city Independence day, made good his threat and the city is now the strongest military fortress in the north, and that it was defended by heavy artillery and a garrison of 7,000 men.

Before beginning the retreat, six automobiles, commandeered by the bandits, were backed up to the arsenal and loaded with ammunition. Four hundred Carranza mutineers guarded them on the march out. Most of the 12,000 political prisoners in the prison were released by the Villistas. General Gonzales has reinforced the Juarez garrison with men and artillery. The Carranza officials frankly admit the fears an attack upon Juarez by Villa's forces.

Bandits Spread Terror.
Laredo, Tex., Sept. 19.—According to information brought to Laredo by passengers arriving from Mexico City, a veritable reign of terror exists in the state of San Luis Potosi, and extends over a wide area in that section. The Villistas have brought about by operations of a bandit gang calling themselves "Legalistas." Villages have been raided and looted and many persons killed by the bandits in the past few days.

General Davila, governor of San Luis Potosi, was called to Mexico City to fill a portfolio in the Carranza cabinet several days ago, but his train was held up and all the officers of his staff killed. Davila, dressed as a civilian, had reached the rail when it halted and escaped to the bush.

Weather That Made State Famous Is on Tap Today.

Hourly temperature readings furnished by the weather bureau:

7 o'clock, 53; 11 o'clock, 70.

8 o'clock, 57; 12 o'clock, 75.

9 o'clock, 61; 1 o'clock, 78.

10 o'clock, 65; 2 o'clock, 81.

Temperatures today averaged exactly normal. The wind is blowing at the rate of 12 miles an hour from the south.

Fine September weather is the program today, tonight and Wednesday. A shower that netted one-hundredth of an inch fell here early this morning and light showers occurred in several parts of the state. The sky cleared and the sun shone brightly this afternoon and practically the entire state reported clear weather at 7 o'clock. Temperatures tomorrow will be back to normal.

The lowest temperature this morning was 53 degrees at 7 o'clock. This is 4 degrees below normal. With the wind blowing from the southeast twelve miles an hour during the morning, the mercury climbed rapidly, and at 11 o'clock reached 70 degrees. The temperature this afternoon would be between 75 and 80 degrees. The highest reading Monday was 71 degrees. The mercury had reached 63 degrees at 9 o'clock this morning.

The forecast calls for fair weather (Continued on Page Two.)

Champion Cows in Exhibit.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 19.—With all the champion Hereford and Jersey cattle in the middle west and some from the east on exhibition, the annual Showdown Show opened at the Convention hall today. More than 500 of the best milk producing cows in the country are housed in the hall. During the show various dairy animals will be demonstrated. Government experts also will explain the latest dairy experiment results.